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REMARKS

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1. On 13 December 1952, no air activity was observed at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield. Twin-engine jet planes were observed at the installation, which was guarded by sentries who wore blue epaulets. About 200 air force and 150 artillery officers marched from the billeting area. Two flatcars with parts of a crashed plane were observed on the spur track extending to Altes Lager.

2. Air activity observed at the field from 15 December 1952 through 9 January 1953 included:

15 December. There was no flying. An unnumbered ground attack plane marked by a Soviet star on its rudder assembly was parked in front of a hangar.

16 December. At 10 a.m. four ground attack planes fitted with white propeller hubs took off at short intervals and landed again at 3 p.m.

18 December. In the morning, source observed 8 jet bombers parked immediately north of the runway, and west of the southern hangar. Between 9 and 9:30 a.m., IL-28 plane fitted with an auxiliary fuel tank and marked by black No 5 and Uil-28 plane without auxiliary fuel tank marked by black No 02 took off for a short local training flight. As the weather became foggy, flying was discontinued. From 11:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., after the weather had improved the ground attack planes No 10 and 11 took off and landed several times. At 4 p.m., source observed in front of the central hangar 4 ground attack planes marked by Nos 2, 10, and 11. The upper edges of the rudder assemblies of these planes were blue.

22 December. At 10 a.m. Uil-28 plane marked by black No 02 took off. Ten minutes later another plane of the same type marked by red No 03 took off. Both planes remained aloft for about 15 minutes and then landed by the side of the runway. The planes had taken off from the

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runway. After 11 a.m., IL-28s No 5, 10, 15, and 25 took off for 20-minute flights. After each flight, the nose and tail gunners changed their stations. Flying was discontinued at 1:30 p.m.

23 December. At 9 a.m. IL-28s No 5, 25, 28, and 100 took off for 20-minute training flights. After each landing, the nose and tail gunners again changed their stations. Flying by these four planes was discontinued at 2 p.m. At the same time, ground attack plane No 4 took off. It had not returned by 4 p.m. Two swept-back jet fighters were parked north of the runway.

24 December. Thirty-minute local training flights were made by ground attack planes No 42, 45, 46, and 48. The planes had white propeller hubs but no other tactical markings.

5 January. At 8 a.m. the engines of the ground attack planes marked by Nos 15 through 24 and blue propeller hubs were started in front of the northern hangar. At 9 a.m., plane No 18 taxied to the runway but did not take off. It taxied back to the hangar. The other ground attack aircraft whose engines had been warmed up did not take off either. The runway was covered by snow which was cleared by means of three tractors towing snowplows until 4 p.m. A detail of about 20 men removed the snow from the runway lamps.

6 January. A twin-engine transport plane landed at the field and was parked in front of the repair hangar. Snow was being cleared from the runway by means of three snowplows.

7 January. After 8 a.m., snow was cleared from the runway. IL-28 plane marked by black No 7 was seen in front of the repair hangar.

8 January. Snow was cleared from the runway. A twin-engine plane was observed in front of the runway. On IL-28 plane marked by black No 7 maintenance work was being done by two officers and two mechanics. No air activity was observed.

9 January. There was no flying. Canvas-covered IL-28s were parked in various dispersal areas.

3. On 15 and 19 December, furniture and other equipment were removed from the quartering building to a house behind the southern hangar. On 16 December, source observed several air force soldiers, wearing flying suits, belts, map cases, and field glasses, leaving the latter building.

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- 1  Comment. A ground attack regiment and an air reconnaissance regiment equipped with 55 to 60 IL-10s and 22 IL-28s respectively are stationed at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield. Air activity during the reported period was slight. The numbers on aircraft mentioned were known previously.

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